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INTERPRETIVE MEMORANDUM

May 5, 2006

To: DCS Staff, OFPCHS Rating Officer, and MD Youth Camp Operators
From: Pamela Engle, R.S., Chief, Division of Community Services
Re: COMAR 10.16.06.23B and 10.16.06.23D CPR and First Aid Health Personnel

COMAR 10.16.06.23B and 10.16.06.23D requires two adults certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid on duty at camp at all times.

Camps need more than one certified staff member to ensure minimum coverage for CPR and first aid services. Certified staff must be available to accommodate staff schedules, before and after camp hours, and camp trips.

When campers go on a trip or participate at off-site activities, it is acceptable for one certified staff member to go on the trip while the other certified staff member remains at camp with campers who are not participating on the trip or activity. Keep in mind that COMAR 10.16.06.34B(6) requires: One adult staff member and one counselor or assistant counselor present so that, in the event of an emergency: one staff member remains with an injured camper; and the other summons emergency assistance immediately. Also, COMAR 10.16.06.34B(4) requires that a camp have a telephone or alternate means of communication to promptly summon emergency rescue services.

Therefore, regarding CPR and first aid coverage, CPR and first aid coverage must always be available at camp and during each off-site camp activity, camp staff must know whom each certified CPR and first aid staff person is, camper supervision requirements must be met, and a means to promptly summon emergency assistance provided.

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